

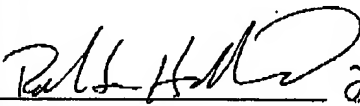
REMARKS

Claims 1, 3 - 10 and 12 - 17 are pending in the application. Claims 6 - 10 and 12 - 17 are allowed. Claims 1 and 5 are rejected. Claim 3 is objected to. Applicants have amended Claim 1 to a condition indicated allowable by the Examiner and have canceled Claim 3. Applicants respectfully request issuance of a notice of allowance without further delay.

CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and remarks set forth herein, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is solicited. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephonic interview, the examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned. Please charge deposit account 502264 for any fees deemed necessary and for any underpayment and credit the same for any overpayment.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is transmitted via facsimile to the USPTO on August 26, 2005.




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